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Re: Final Permitting Issues, Geneva Rock Products, Levan Gypsum, M/023/016, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Christopherson:

This letter is intended to document the discussions, comments and commitments made during our August 24, 2000, meeting which took place in the Division offices. The meeting was scheduled to discuss the status of Geneva Rock Products (GRP) ongoing operations at the Levan Gypsum site, its recent decision to follow through with the purchase and development of the mine site, and the status of the GRP's new Large Mining permit application.

To date, GRP has submitted the following requested permitting information to the Division:

- The Small Mine Permit transfer between Robert Steele and Tony Peck and GRP (completed April 28, 2000).
- The updated Disturbed Area and Surface Facilities Map and signature page for the existing large mine permit application (received June 30, 2000).
- A new large mine permit application (hand-delivered on August 24, 2000).

At the meeting you indicated that GRP would be suspending their active quarrying activities at the Levan site within the next week for the winter. Stockpiled gypsum would continue to be removed from the lower processing and load out area on an as needed basis. Anticipated start-up date for reactivation of quarrying operations would be in April 2001.

You stated that GRP has decided to follow through with the purchase and continued development of the project site. You provided us with a 1st draft copy of a revised large mine permit application (FORM MR-LMO) during the meeting. After brief discussions regarding what was contained in the updated plan, it was determined that the reclamation plan details and bonding calculations are probably incomplete. You stated that this area of the mine plan was going to be revised as quickly as possible, hopefully with some assistance from the Division. You stated that your company has enlisted the help of

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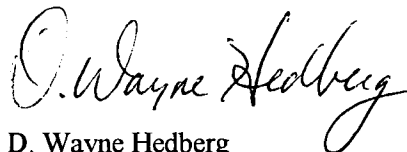
Patrick Collins of Mount Nebo Scientific Consultants and that portions of the mine plan remain incomplete because Mr. Collins has not had time to complete it.

We explained our permitting and bonding requirements and it was agreed that we were moving closer to resolving the outstanding permit issues for this site. Instead of trying to prepare a life of mine development and reclamation plan, the Division suggested that a 5 or 10 year mining plan may be more reasonable, given the potential complications of preparing accurate and detailed life of mine, mining and reclamation plans at this time. We also suggested that GRP contact the Forest Service to discuss their permitting requirements for this new mine plan proposal.

We agreed to take a preliminary look at the reclamation section of the new large mine permit application. We will forward any comments or suggestions we have to assist GRP in preparing a reclamation plan and bonding estimate for the current mine disturbance at the site. You agreed to take a shot at revising the reclamation section of the new permit application and to prepare a preliminary reclamation cost estimate for the existing disturbances. We will review this information for completeness and technical adequacy. A notice of tentative approval will then be published by the Division for the revised reclamation plan, which will begin a 30-day public comment period. If no substantive comments are received, we will proceed to issue approval of the reclamation plan and require that GRP provide a reclamation surety to allow operations to continue within the present disturbed footprint, while the new large mine permit application is being finalized and approved.

We hope to have some preliminary review comments back to you within the next two weeks. We look forward to the receipt of your revised reclamation plan and surety estimate in the near term. Thank you for your continued cooperation in working with us to complete the permitting process for this project.

Sincerely,



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